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CHRISTMAS TIME BIRTH OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE

There have been reports during this war, as during the last World War, of unofficial圣诞节 masses between the front line troops on Christmas Day. Men who have heard from their childhood the story of the birthday of Babe of Bethlehem cannot but feel the incongruity of his man slaughter on this sacred day.

There is no story in the scripture that is more inspiring than that which the Gospel tells of the shepherds on the night watch over their flocks, suddenly seeing an angel stand before them and the sound of a great host of angels around them, and hearing: "I bring you tidings of great joy. This day is born to you a Saviour." And then there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly angels singing "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace to men of good will."

The birth of the Saviour had been awaited by mankind, more or less consciously, during long ages. A faint, dim, promise had been given to the Gentiles, and some time shadowing that a Divine Child would be born to inaugurate a Golden Age of Peace. Among the Jews the prophecies were confirmed. The words of Isaiah had been given to them so many years before their fulfillment: "A child is born to us, and a son is given to us, and his name shall be called . . . the Prince of Peace."

Another prophet, Michael, of about the same time named, Bethlehem as the birthplace of the Christ, and uttered the equally famous prophecy that the Lord shall judge many peoples and that from nations and the shafts that shall pierce into flesh and bones action shall not take sword against nation and they shall not learn war any more.

Prophecies take time for fulfillment. The world has not yet learned to wait and to endure our trials, not to mark the end of the journey. But the work of peace began with the Birth at Bethlehem and has been going on without cease. Christ has given us the way to His realm of love of peace. He has made peace the ideal and the goal of all our striving: He has given, here and now, to those who trust in Him, peace of soul which in physical conflict can destroy, and faith in the Prince of Peace.



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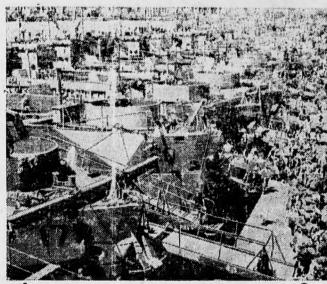
Montana Farmers Set Example

It is difficult indeed to find topics for these articles of almost interest to all our readers from the Red River to the Pacific, but we can, with matters of purely local importance. While this is really a salute to Montana farmers, it must be a salute to all farmers.

Ever since this Department was organized, we have stressed above all, two problems—marketing and conservation. If you, in your districts, were to organize a committee to discuss prices, debt regulation, or farm taxes, you would be well supported. But suppose you were to arrange a meeting for the sole purpose of raising wheat prices? How about the wheat crop? Well, on November 30, the Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba gave such a meeting. In fact, for four hours, 126 farmers sat on hard seats completely absorbed with the problem of marketing. The result of this three year's work of the Department of Agriculture has cooperated with municipal officials and other farmers in a meeting to consider wheat prices. Fifty municipalities were represented at the meeting. Results of the meeting, as far as we can learn, by this time, have been discussed and means for making the work more effective were studied.

Montana farmers have learned that they must get better acquainted with the farmer himself. Farmers have discovered that the protection of their particular districts has something to offer. Leafy spruce is in a tough long in Montana. The spruce is a good wood, and the trees are preserved salts, and these two goals can be reached no other way.

On behalf of the Line Elevator Spoons, as well as on our own, we wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a New Year that will bring good news.



ZERO HOUR FOR INVASION OF EUROPE

At 4:30 on the morning of Sept. 8, 1943, the first of 1,000,000 sets for the war, 8th Army Groups set foot on the mainland of Europe. They crossed the Straits of Messina and made an assault landing on the toe of Italy when it is practical faith that shows itself in love of others, gives the first hope we can possess that a new world order will be born, when the world will be organized, that men will bestow their swords into ploughshares and nations shall not learn war any more.

FROM THE FILES OF THE CALL TWENTY YEARS AGO

Mr. Roy Allen of Millet sent a few days visiting Mrs. E. Menard, T. Petersen was a visitor to Gleichen, Tuesday from a chancellor.

There had been a great business in hand candles, etc., since Sunday night.

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The engineer had a narrow escape as he had just a moment previously moved out of a chair which was thrown out of the building, as it is now suffering from a badly scaled head. This is the first time the cylinder head has been knocked out.

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Items From The Battery

(By Battery Reporter.)

The Battery members are busy preparing for their annual New Year's Eve dance. They hope to make it just as big a success as any of its past dances. They are planning to have Davis to supply the music. At midnight there will be a billiards table bringing in the New Year. The ladies of the Red Cross will serve the midnight lunch.

P. B. Nelson asked a class the meaning of "furlough," and a small boy declared it meant "jackets." The definition was not correct, but the boy was correct in his meaning. The proof being forward a book containing a picture of a soldier mounted on a mule. The inscription beneath the picture was: "Going home on his furlough."

Canucks overseas are certainly thinking of their return to civilian life. The Christian Legion in the Service have an enrollment of 35,358 men, with more than a thousand a month currently signing up. They take everything from automotive engineering, diesel engineering, to building, welding, physics and social studies. The course was first offered in 1940 and have been extremely popular with our boys.

In the unannounced recently Pat McHale was a little more talkative than usual and pulled this one: "Operating a tipping house" was the charge when a former policeman appeared before the judge for trial. "What's tipping?" queried the judge. The grove council, an Irishman named McHale informed his honor that it was a monotonous succession of small drinks. "It coms from the Norwegian word 'tripping' which means to drink." The judge was informed that an Irishman should be familiar with the Norwegian term. Explained McHale: "An Irishman, your honor, is acquainted with all drinking terms."

An Aberdonian went to Australia, when he returned three years later he found his three brothers, all with beards, at the railway station. "What is the big idea?" he asked. "We know well you took the razor away!" was the reply.

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